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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated January 26, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.